

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 415

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDI-  
2 TION OF A NEW SECTION 33-523, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STU-  
3 DENTS SOUNDING TAPS AT A MILITARY HONORS FUNERAL HELD IN THIS STATE FOR A  
4 DECEASED VETERAN SHALL BE ALLOWED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE, TO PROVIDE FOR NO-  
5 TICE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT ON THE CALCULATION OF DAILY ATTENDANCE  
6 AND COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPLETION OF SCHOOL  
7 WORK.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
11 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
12 ignated as Section 33-523, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

13 33-523. EXCUSED ABSENCE -- MILITARY HONORS FUNERAL -- TAPS. A student  
14 in any of grades 6 through 12 absent from a public school on a particular day  
15 or days or at a particular time of day for the purpose of sounding "Taps" at  
16 a military honors funeral held in this state for a deceased veteran shall  
17 be allowed an excused absence. In order to be excused under this section,  
18 the student's parent or guardian, or the student if the student has attained  
19 the age of eighteen (18) years, shall notify the school's administration  
20 at least two (2) days prior to the date of the absence and shall provide the  
21 school's administration with the date, time and location of the military  
22 honors funeral. The school's administration may waive this two (2) day no-  
23 tification requirement if the student did not receive at least two (2) days'  
24 advance notice, but the student shall notify the school's administration as  
25 soon as possible of the absence. A student whose absence is excused under  
26 this section shall be counted as if the student attended school for purposes  
27 of calculating the average daily attendance of students in the school dis-  
28 trict. A student whose absence is excused under this section must be allowed  
29 a reasonable time to make up school work missed during the absence. If the  
30 student satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of absence shall  
31 be counted as a day of compulsory attendance and he or she may not be penal-  
32 ized for that absence.